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BOOK REVIEWS.

The Laws of England, being a complete statement of the whole law of England, by the Right Honorable Earl of Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain; '85-'86, '86-'92 and '92-'05. Volume I containing "Action" to "Bankers and Banking," inclusive. London. Butterworth & Co. Cromarty Law Book Company, 1112 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa., Sole Agents for the United States. 1907. Price \$7.50, net.

The source from which our laws have been derived must necessarily always be looked to by all lawyers who desire to rise above the level of mere practitioners, and to have at hand a consolidation or complete statement of the law of England as it exists at the present time, cannot fail to be of the greatest value to the American lawyer who desires to be learned in his profession. English legal publications have always been highly appreciated in America. No large office or library worthy of the name can afford to be without many of them, and that they are largely cited by the courts of this country is an evidence of their usefulness and value. This work supplements and renders more valuable the English text books and reports, as the lawyer can by its aid give the law in its entirety as law should be given when cases are cited and commented upon. The first volume of this great work, which will consist of about twenty volumes, is now before us. Unique both in aim and form it consists of a series of treatise on the titles as stated and the whole law upon each title is so stated as to bring it within easy reach of the examiner. The text is clear and concise, remarkable alike for its brevity and completeness. Authorities are given in the notes, and each title has a table of contents at its head which gives the reader an excellent guide to its scope and contents. An analytical index is added at the end of the volume and the book itself as a specimen of law book making is hard to be surpassed. The Honorable Sir Charles S. Eady, one of his Majesty's judges of the chancery division, Arthur Underhill, T. Willes Chitty, Esq., William MacKenzie, Esq., and other distinguished members of the English bar, are the revising editors, and the work of these and other eminent lawyers, who are to contribute to the volumes is under the immediate supervision of the Earl of Halsbury, Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain for over seventeen years. Mr. Chitty is managing editor, Mr. King is his assistant, and there is a revising editor of each branch of the law to which the various titles belong, thus insuring clearness and accuracy. The contributors to the present volume are men eminent both in the bench and at the bar and if the work is completed with the excellency which characterizes this first volume, editors, compilers and publishers have performed a service to the profession hard to be overestimated. Lord Halsbury's introduction is a learned and splendidly written article which will be read with interest and pleasure.